

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (157-12183) DATE: 12/14/72

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (157-1060) (P)

SUBJECT: "THE VOICE OF THE BLACK COMMUNITY"
DECATUR, ILLINOIS
EM - BN

OO: SPRINGFIELD

Re Springfield letter to the Bureau dated 11/10/72 with enclosures.

Being forwarded under separate cover for the Bureau are five copies each of the following issues of "The Voice Of The Black Community"; Volume III, Issue 2, Monday, 11/13/72; Volume III, Issue 3, Monday, 11/27/72.

For the information of the Bureau, the Springfield Division has a pending investigative matter involving DICK GREGORY (SI 157-775) which was opened for the purpose of following and reporting any pertinent remarks or activities of DICK GREGORY while he is in Decatur, Illinois, for the 1973 Decatur Human Relations Annual Awards Dinner. Appropriate local, state and federal law enforcement agencies have been advised of the pertinent information contained in the enclosed editions of "The Voice Of The Black Community", specifically that regarding the scheduled appearance of DICK GREGORY in Decatur, Illinois.

An article appears on Page 1, Volume III, Issue 2, of "The Voice Of The Black Community", dated Monday, 11/3/72, entitled "Gregory To Speak In Decatur". The article reveals DICK GREGORY is scheduled as a speaker for the 1973 version of the Decatur Human Relations Annual Award Dinner. According

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 - (1 - 157-775) (DICK GREGORY)
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to the article, the Commissions Program is intended to give recognition to those who have made outstanding contributions to bettering human relations in Decatur.

An article on Page 3, entitled "Community Getting Together" sites the policy of separation of church and politics as being "a monkey on the back of the black community". According to the article, the church has been the greatest exponent of black power in America down through the years, and the article says, "The belief that politics has no place in the church, keeping us ignorant of the political gain, we are constantly kept ignorant in the power of running our cities, states in the nation."

An article on Page 4, entitled "Did You Know" decries the economic position regarding the employment of blacks in this country.

An article on Page 8, entitled "How U.S. Monopoly Profits From Apartheid", by TONY THOMAS, is written with a detrimental point of view toward the alleged complicity of U.S. firms in South Africa with the Apartheid System of segregation and white minority rule that dominates that country. The article sites numbers of corporations, amount of money allegedly invested by these corporations, and other figures regarding this matter.

An article on Page 12, entitled "Blacks Used In Syphilis Experiment" is written about an alleged Muslim report on blacks who were allegedly used for a syphilis experimentation in the State of Alabama over a period of several years.

It is noted "The Voice Of The Black Community" have now began publishing a paper entitled "The Voice Of The Black Community", Springfield Edition, (Springfield, Illinois), and "The Voice Of The Black Community", Bloomington-Normal Edition, (Bloomington, Illinois). These editions come out with the normal issue of "The Voice Of The Black Community", and copies are being

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forwarded to the Bureau along with the regular edition of "The Voice Of The Black Community". A review of these editions did not reveal items of extremist intelligence interest.

The Volume III, Issue 3, dated Monday, 11/27/72, of "The Voice Of The Black Community" contained an article on Page 6, entitled "Gordan Is Guest Speaker" regarding an alleged appearance by VERNON E. GORDAN, Executive Director of the National Urban League, is a guest speaker for the 46th Annual dinner meeting of the Springfield Urban League on 12/7/72 at the "Holiday Inn East", Springfield, Illinois.

An article in Section 2, Page 8, entitled "Did White Invaders Settle In Uninhabited Areas Of South Africa" by JOHN LAURENCE, is an article written about the white-black position in Africa regarding the ownership of the land, the employment of black workers in the mines of South Africa, and other matters.

An article in Section 3, Page 1, entitled "Student Assaulted By Teacher, Mother Files Charges" was regarding an alleged assault in Bloomington, Illinois, of a black student by a teacher in connection with the alleged striking of the student by the teacher.

Neither edition of "The Voice Of The Black Community" contained any articles of an anti-semitic nature.

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Will continue to monitor "The Voice Of The Black Community" for evidence of a changing character and items of extremist intelligence interest.

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TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (157-12183)

DATE: 3/6/73

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (157-1060) (P)

SUBJECT: "THE VOICE OF THE BLACK COMMUNITY"
DECATUR, ILLINOIS
EM - BN
OO: Springfield

Re Springfield letter to Bureau dated 2/7/73.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of "The Voice of the Black Community", Vol.III, No.8, dated Wednesday, February 14, 1973.

Vol. III, No. 8, Wednesday, February 14, 1973, "The Voice of the Black Community" contains an article on page one entitled "Comedian Not So Funny Both Blacks & Whites Shook Up" which was written regarding a speech given by comedian DICK GREGORY in Decatur, Illinois, during the Decatur Human Relations Commission annual award dinner. GREGORY praised the young people of America. According to the article, he was critical of the white society in America that "oppress us".

An article on page nine entitled "What About the Poor" was written regarding an alleged massive federal budget cut on the part of President Nixon. According to the article, many thousands of poor people, in Decatur alone, will be directly hurt by the plans of the US government if carried through.

An article on page twelve entitled "The Rich Get Richer And Richer" by FRANK LOVELL states that the system in the US operates to keep the poor people poor and to make the rich people richer. The article cited a study made last

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An ~~article~~ on Section 3, Page 4, entitled ~~"Rhodesia-Zambia Border Troubles"~~ was regarding an alleged fight between Zambia and Rhodesia regarding the border between the two countries. According to the article, Rhodesia has a white supremacist government.

An ~~article~~ in Section 3, Page 5, entitled ~~"Nixon's Budget Slashes Social Programs"~~ is regarding NIXON's alleged cut in funding anti-poverty programs while "jacking up" war expenditures. The article decries the cut in money for economic aid to the poor in the federal budget while an increase is made in military spending.

An ~~article~~ on page 5, Section 3, entitled ~~"Kitty Hawk Sailor Acquitted, Others Still Face Trial"~~ written by ~~MARILEE~~ *NO/106* ~~SAVAGE~~ revealed that as of 1/26/73 six of 24 black sailors charged with riot and assault aboard the carrier "Kitty Hawk" last October had been brought before courts-martial in San Diego. Five were handed stiff fines, loss of rank, and discharged; one, ARNOLD PETTY, was acquitted. The article revealed additional plans for trials of others charged in this matter.

An ~~article~~ on page 7, Section 3, entitled ~~"Louisville Panther Case Story of a Frame-Up"~~ written by ~~ANNE~~ ~~LANCELOTTI~~, *Rx* states that "the corrupt politics of the drug world, a tightly controlled court system, and the old practice of race baiting set the stage here for the frame-up of four members of the Black Panther Party and three supporters". The article is regarding an armed robbery trial which occurred during 1972 involving members of the Black Panther Party in Louisville, Kentucky.

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Will continue to monitor "The Voice of the Black Community" for items of intelligence interest and evidence of the changing character.